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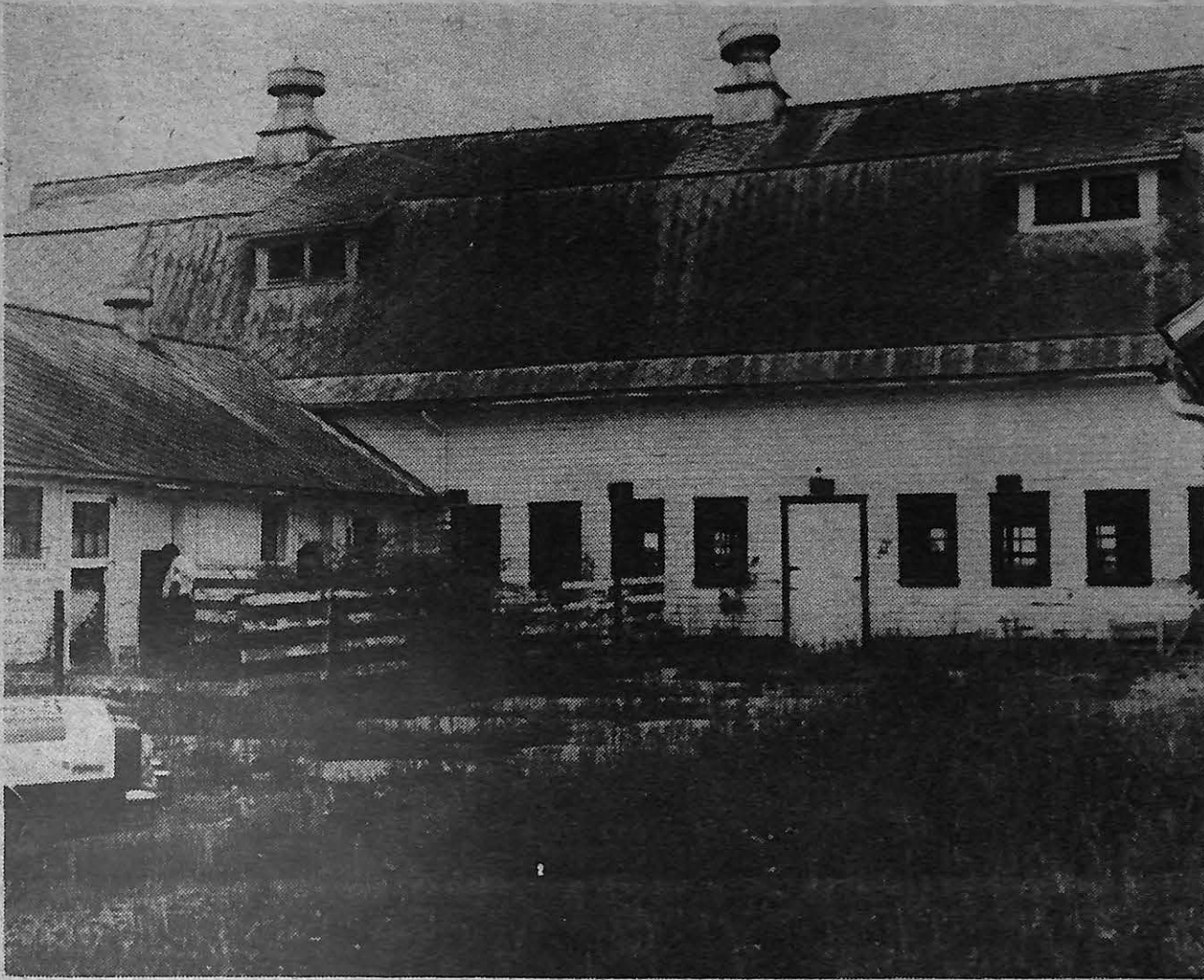
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Proposed site for Animal Services Center on South Westfield Street.

Regional Animal Services Site Proposed

In an effort to regionalize various services, Town Manager Peter Caputo has proposed to a meeting of Hampden County town officials the formation of a regional Animal Control Enforcement and Services Center to be located in a building formerly used as a barn by the old Hampden County Training School, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Caputo suggested that the building, which has been vacant for some time, would be ideal for the type of facility he was proposing. He noted that the heat, water and electricity were already there and that what was needed most was a thorough cleaning.

Under the proposal, a Tri-Agency Dog Control Authority would be formed by the participating communities of Agawam, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Holyoke, Longmeadow, West Springfield and Springfield. Officers of the Authority would be empowered to

enforce dog and animal control ordinances and problems.

The Authority would operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, with 24 hour emergency service available for severe problems—biting dogs, badly injured animals, etc.

Caputo stressed that the Authority would be paid for by member communities for the sole use by those communities. He said future plans for the Authority included a spaying and neutering clinic for animals and animal health services.

"Dog and animal control is a widespread problem," commented Caputo. He said that he viewed the Authority as a solution to the problem at a relatively small cost since it would be a cooperative effort, while providing employment for area residents.

Community representatives will meet again on July 28 at Oak Ridge Country Club, to discuss further details.

Town Audit Underway



Accountants from Coopers and Lybrand are currently involved in the town audit.

The long awaited town audit is finally underway with the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand winning out as the choice of the Council Audit Committee, chaired by Councilor William Herd.

Town Manager, Peter Caputo, extended his congratulations to the audit committee for "the fine job they have done" in searching out and naming an accounting firm to handle the audit.

The audit, which will include a review of the town's books for the last six years will allow Agawam to meet both the Federal Revenue Sharing requirement of one audit within a five year period, and all state requirements regarding municipal audits.

According to Dave Gallano, town treasurer, the audit will include the period January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1978 and will include all of the town's departments

including the School Department who handles about 50 percent of the fiscal budget.

Gallano said that he is pleased to see the audit, and the terms agreed upon by Coopers & Lybrand and the town call for a yearly audit in the future.

"Everything is moving along smoothly," Gallano commented. Projected completion date for the audit is November, 1978, at a total cost of some \$36,000.

Going On Vacation? Notify Police

If you're planning a vacation and will be leaving your house vacant for a period of time, notify the Police Department, suggests Acting Police Chief Romeo Borgatti.

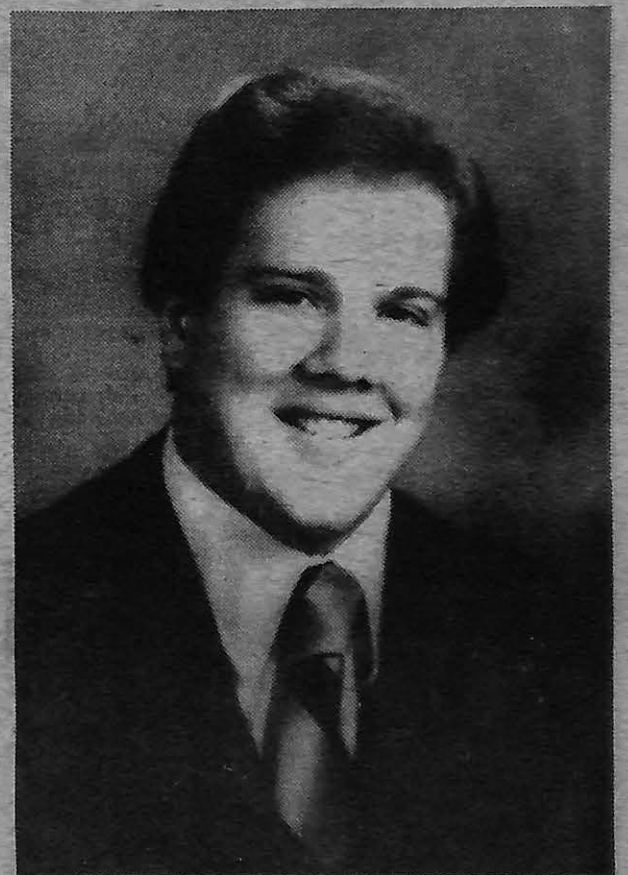
By notifying the police of your absence, a patrolman on each shift will check your home and premises for any signs of foul play. Borgatti stressed that each policeman walks around the house checking doors and windows. If a break should occur, the police can pinpoint the time of the break by checking the logs kept by the patrolmen thus aiding in the apprehension of the person or persons involved.

A neighbor or relative driving by the house occasionally is simply not a deterrent to crime, Borgatti commented.

Summer is a time when housebreaks become more frequent. Don't become a victim—don't leave your house unprotected.

Notify the police when you leave for vacation and report any signs of suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Be wary of strangers and notify police immediately if you notice activity in or around an unoccupied house.

Bonavita Appointed Town Prosecutor



Anthony C. Bonavita, 44 Arbor Lane, Agawam, has been appointed Town Prosecutor. The appointment was made last week by Town Manager, Peter Caputo.

In announcing his selection, Caputo said he found Bonavita a capable, young lawyer, who will have the time to devote to his new duties. Bonavita's duties will include working with the police department to prosecute criminal cases in juvenile and district court. Town Prosecutor is a one-year appointment.

A graduate of Cranwell School, Lenox, Mass., Bonavita received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Fordham University, and his law degree from Suffolk Law School, Boston. He has opened his own law office at 95 State Street, Springfield.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Bonavita of Agawam, he is married to the former Adele Rueli of Springfield. Bonavita said that he enjoyed criminal law, and that he is looking forward to the job.

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Library Position Open

The Agawam Public Libraries have been approved for a Title VI-B S.T.E.P.S. project proposal entitled "Library Organization." The Agawam Center Library is now accepting applications for the full-time position of Junior Library Clerk for this project.

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John F. Walsh Elected CPA

John F. Walsh has been elected a Fellow of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is employed at Meyers Brothers, Handelsman, Menzel and Adeletti in Springfield.

Mr. Walsh received his BBA in Accounting in 1969 from American International College and his MBA in 1973 from Western New England College.

The Massachusetts Society of CPAs is an organization of over 4200 members founded in 1900 to promote and maintain the high standards of accounting. The Society has continually worked for the profession through the voluntary efforts of its members.

Mr. Walsh resides with his wife and children in Agawam.

SPAN Offers "Quit Smoking"

The Span Center will be offering a quit smoking course that will utilize behavior mod techniques. Each individual will have a unique program to help him or her quit smoking. For more information call the Span Center at 786-6410.



Passing the gavel to new Rotary Club president Dave DeLancey, right, is outgoing president Ray Pieczarka.
Photo by Jack Devine

Agawam Rotary Installs

First President, Floyd C. Bryan officiated recently at the Installation of Dave Delancey as new President and his co-officers and Directors. Floyd installed the following persons to their new positions:

Vice President, Clifford Belden; Secretary, Buddy Denison; Assistant Secretary, Rob Townsend; Treasurer, Jack Sarat; Sgt.-at-Arms, Louis Kearns, and

Directors, Ray Pieczarka, Jeff Robb, Roger Proulx, and Harold Oppenheimer.

Rotarians are looking forward to a great year under their leadership. All were asked to pitch in and do their share.

Special Recognitions

The first two Past Presidents were honored by new President Dave DeLancey. He thanked them

for their labors and presented them with plaques for their office or home which listed in time of service for Rotary.

Buddy Denison received a pin for one year perfect attendance. Don Morris received a pin for 15 years perfect attendance. It is good to note that ten men had perfect attendance for the past six months.

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High School Color Guard Art Festival To Attend Workshop Successful

Agawam High Color Guard officers to attend Marching Band Workshop at Holy Cross College for four days.

The new color guard officers who were chosen during the final days of school include Color Guard Majors Laurie Olson and Mary Ann Turner and Captains Leslie Delisle and Karen Nascembeni. The Color Guard majors lead the flag section of the group and are also in charge of training junior and sophomore members in flag routines. As Captain, Leslie will lead and help train the rifle group of seniors and Karen will head up a new unit for special effects which will incorporate certain members with new equipment/choreography.

The four officers will be accompanied by band director Darcy Davis at the New England/All State Marching Band and Band

Front Camp which will bring special instructors from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Michigan to teach the latest methods in marching band techniques. Workshop members will stay at Holy Cross from July 15 to 20 with morning, afternoon and evening sessions under some of the top specialists in their fields.

In other parts of the country the colorful support units for marching bands are called the Band Front and include many types of equipment including flags, batons, pom poms, swing flags and streamers. Band Front units have become very large in recent years and now are also involved in many types of dance routines as well as the use of flags and other special equipment that enhance the visual aspects of marching band performances.

Mrs. Paula Huber, chairman of the Agawam Arts and Crafts Festival, would like to thank area residents for their enthusiastic support of this year's festival. Over eighty artists and craftspeople took part in the two day show sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Judges for this year's festival were Laila Kain, art critic for the Springfield Daily News, and Barbara Clark of Granby, quilt maker. Alice Bullard of Guilford, Connecticut, won first place for Best Presentation for her display of pillows, stuffed toys, and quilts, and Joanne Parisi of West Springfield took second for her display of tote bags, pillows, and calico toys. First place in the fine arts division was awarded to George Gore of Montgomery for watercolors; second to Richard Stevens of Wilbraham for watercolors; and honorable mention to Sandra Dudek of Feeding Hills for calligraphy and watercolors. In the craft division Patricia Raymond of Chicopee took first place for her fabric handbag; Garrett Westcott of Springfield second for pottery; and Linda Farnsworth of Feeding Hills honorable mention for scrimshaw. First place in the mixed media in craft went to Nye Austin of West Springfield for wire sculpture on rocks; and honorable mention to Claire Sygiel of Ware for photography.

Mrs. Diana Willard, chairman of the silent auction, would also like to extend her personal thanks to each of the artists and craftspeople who contributed items. All proceeds for the auction will be used for scholarships for next year's graduating class.

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HBO Listings

July 17

6:00 GREASED LIGHTNING
Vincent Gardenia as a sheriff
(PG-1:36)
8:00 THE DEEP
Largest underwater set in movie history (PG-2:04)
10:30 REDD FOX
On Location. If obscenities turn you off, don't tune in
11:30 GREASED LIGHTNING
Pam Grier and Richard Pryor co-star in story of stock car race champ, Wendell Scott (PG-1:36)

July 18

6:00 ONE ON ONE
Filmed at Colorado State University (PG-1:38)
8:00 ANNIE HALL
Woody Allen's autobiographical comedy and this year's Oscar winner (PG-1:33)
10:00 BOXING
Sugar Ray Leonard vs. Dick Eckland, direct from Boston.
11:00 WOMEN IN LOVE
Directed by Ken Russell (The Boy Friend, Tommy and The Devils) (R-1:29)

July 19

6:30 POCO
Poco's pals: a chimp, a donkey and a cockatoo (G-1:28)
8:00 AMERICA AT THE MOVIES
Laurel and Hardy tap dance (PG-1:56)
10:00 FREDDIE PRINZE AND FRIENDS
On Location. Freddie is host for a bunch of bright young comedians.
11:30 THE TOWN THAT DREADED SUNDOWN
Pert Dawn Wells from Hawaiian Eye (R-1:30)

July 20

6:30 BARNABY AND ME
Juliet Mills: John's daughter, Hayley's sister (G-1:30)
8:00 WORLD TEAM TENNIS
Phoenix Racquets vs. San Diego Friars.
9:30 EXORCIST II: THE HERETIC
Max Von Sydow again Father Merrin in this terrifying tale (R-1:57)
11:30 DEATH RACE 2000
A transcontinental car race of the future starring David Caradine (R-1:19)

July 21

6:00 THE THIEF WHO CAME TO DINNER
A computer-age Robin Hood (PG-1:43)
8:00 EMBRYO
First Showing. From infant to woman in 4 1/2 weeks. Rock Hudson stars in some classy science fiction (PG-1:44)
10:00 OBSESSION
John Lithgow (PG-1:38)
12:00 WOMEN IN LOVE
Lust vs. love 60 years ago. Alan Bates stars (R-1:29)
1:30 OBSESSION
Cliff Robertson (PG-1:38)

July 22

2:00 AIRPORT 77
Lee Grant (PG-1:57)
4:00 THE DEEP
Robert Shaw (PG-2:03)
6:00 GREASED LIGHTNING
Pam Grier (PG-1:36)
8:00 HOUSE BY THE LAKE
First Showing. (R-1:29)
9:30 THE GREAT TEXAS DYNAMITE CHASE
First Showing. (R-1:29)
11:00 REDD FOX
12:00 THE TOWN THAT DREADED SUNDOWN
Terror stalks town
1:30 REDD FOX
On Location

July 23

2:30 BARNABY AND ME
Sid Caesar (G-1:30)
4:00 THE THIEF WHO CAME TO DINNER
Nifty Caper (PG-1:43)
6:00 ANNIE HALL
Paul Simon (PG-1:33)
8:00 ROCK 'N' ROLL REUNION
First Showing. HBO brings big names of '50s together.
9:30 BABY BLUE MARINE
WW II drama (PG-1:29)
11:00 ROCK 'N' ROLL REUNION
Jay Black is back!
12:30 ANNIE HALL
Witty romance (PG-1:33)

Heart Association Cut-a-Thon

The American Heart Association, Western Massachusetts Division will sponsor a Cut-a-Thon on Tuesday, July 25 beginning at noon at Gatsby's Hair Design (formerly Norman's Beauty Salon) at 672 North Main St., East Longmeadow. The event is being organized by Parents and Children Together (PACT), a support group for parents of children with heart disease. The committee

consists of: Raymond Miller, owner of Gatsby's; Diane Stevenson of Springfield, and Ellen Giokas of Chicopee. Participants are asked to arrive with pre-washed hair; the cost of a cut and blow dry will be \$9.00 all of which will be donated to the Heart Association. Free coffee will be on hand and door prizes will be drawn every hour. For additional information contact: The American Heart Association, 85 Oakland St., Springfield, 732-4121.

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Micheal J. Bodurtha, 83 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam: ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE, SAMUEL I. WARD TECHNICAL COLLEGE;
Paul J. Mathews, Jr., 93 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam: MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AUSTIN DUNHAM BARNEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION;
Deborah A. Murphy, 119 Maple St., Agawam: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES;
Peter A. Cimma, 841 South-west St., Feeding Hills; BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS, ADMINISTRATION, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS; and Ronald S. Madrid, 295 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills: MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.

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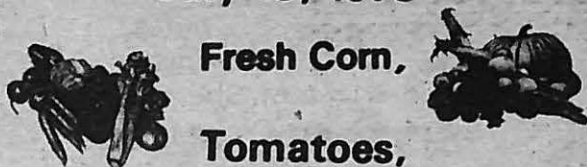
Agawam UNICO Chapter will have their 16th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q Sunday afternoon-July 30 at the Polish Club Pavillion 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Continuous servings will be from 1-5 P.M. rain or shine. Tickets, donated thru the courtesy of the Forastiere Funeral Home, are reasonably priced at \$3.00 for adults and children \$1.50. Proceeds will go for mental health, retarded children, and various scholarships and charities.

Paul Ferrarini is in charge of publicity. Their slogan is "Bring your cousins by the dozens" as there is ample room to park over 1000 cars. Tickets may be purchased from chairman John Cardone at 786-7064. Tickets can also be bought at the Bar-B-Q Field Sunday, July 30. "Walk-ins" are welcomed - menu will consist of half a chicken, Agawam native corn, tossed salad, french fries, bread and butter water melon, coffee and refreshments. "Honey Bunch" orders to go for your sweetheart will be available, just bring your own container. UNICO Bar-B-Q is the time of year to meet your friends in a relaxed atmosphere husbands, take your wife and family and give the misses a day of rest from "K.P." Duty president Thomas Coppola requests all workers to report July 30-8 A.M. to get the ball rolling.

Alert committee will call members for ticket sales week of July 24. Be prepared. UNICO is a non-profit organization whose motto is "Service above self." Come to Bar-B-Q and watch unicans exemplify their motto. The next UNICO affair will be Aug. 9, at Storowton Theatre featuring Sergio Franchi - 8:30 P.M. - again proceeds will go for scholarships and charities-public are requested to get tickets from president Thomas Coppola or at Storowton Ticket office in name of UNICO.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 18

Agawam Community Grange
Annual Picnic
Grange Home
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July 22

American Heart Association
Cut-A-Thon
Gatsby Hair Design—East Longmeadow

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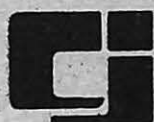
Fair Share Jamboree
Ludlow Fish & Game Club
1 p.m. till Dark

July 25

Flea Market
Agawam V.F.W. Post 1632
194 South St.
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

July 30

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Agawam Lion's Scholarship Recipients were announced recently. They were:

Joseph Cignoli, 663 No. Westfield St., who will be attending Colorado School of Mines; Janet Murray, 80

Granger Drive, attending Spfld. Tech. Comm. College; Debra Acquaro, 78 Norris St., attending Spfld. Tech. Comm. College; Ralph Gates, 22 Leonard St., attending Spfld. Tech. Comm. College; Carolyn Pacewicz,

16 Red Oak Cir., attending Nichols College; and Barbara Niemiec, 135 Valentine St., attending Baystate Medical School of Nursing. Any further information please contact Ray Olson 786-5734.



DEBBIE ACQUARO



BARBARA NIEMIEC



RALPH GATES

Golden Agers Hold Picnic, Schedule Next Meeting



Attending the Golden Agers picnic held recently at the Polish American Club are from left to right: Michael Jabry, club president; Emeline Comeau, Marion Binnenkade, chairman of the event; Alice Squazza, Mary Demersky, secretary of the club; Sam Joyce, the club's vice president; Marion Haubenreiser, and Kay Aldrich, Chaplin.

Photo by Jack Devine

On July 12th, the Agawam Golden Agers held their annual picnic at the Polish American Club, Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Entertainment was provided by Joan Peters and the Boc Dah Dancers. Town Manager, Peter Caputo was a guest at the picnic and commented that "the greatest resource our town has is its Senior Citizens." Over 180 people were in attendance.

The next meeting of the Golden Agers will be held at the Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, on July 26th at 1:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Singing Nuns.

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Celebrate 43rd Wedding Anniversary



Michael and Sally Jabry of Agawam, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on July 13, 1978. Mr. Jabry is president of the Agawam Golden Agers. Photo by Jack Devine

Celeste DiPietro Returns From Switzerland



Celeste Regina DiPietro returned from Switzerland July 1 after having spent her junior year of college studying abroad and traveling extensively on the European continent. Celeste is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DiPietro of 47 Bridge Street, Agawam. Her mother is secretary to the principal of the Katherine G. Danahy School.

A graduate of the MacDuffie School for Girls, Celeste will be a member of the senior class at Boston College in September. She is the granddaughter of Regina Balboni Savioli of Agawam.

Mathews Keynote Speaker

Paul J. Mathews Jr., director of respiratory therapy, and acar-diology/cerebral studies at Providence Hospital, was keynote speaker at the 14th annual New England Respiratory Conference held June 28 to 30 at Hyannis.

The conference featured a program of speakers including some from as far away as London, England.

Mathews, a recent master's degree recipient from the Univ. of Hartford, Conn., Graduate School of Business and Public Administration, spoke on "The Scientific Basis of Respiratory Therapy." He also presented several case studies involving the use of special techniques to treat the critically ill patient.

Mathews is a graduate of the Yale-New Haven Medical Center School of Respiratory Therapy and Quinnipiac College, where he received an associate's degree in respiratory therapy and a bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration.

He is a registrant of the National Board of Respiratory Therapy and a member of the American Association of Physicians Assistants.

Mathews, his wife and three children, live in Agawam.

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LaRiviere Graduates From Tufts



Capt. Wayne LaRiviere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymono G. LaRiviere, 427 North St. Feeding Hills, Mass., shown here with his wife Mardie, and son Danny, was 17th in June graduating class of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

A 1970 graduate of Agawam High School, he was a member of the Nat'l Honor Society, Pres. Student Council, Varsity Ski Team and Soccer Team.

Dr. LaRiviere will serve as a General Practice Resident Dentist at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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Hottin Re-Elected President

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President of the Massachusetts Association. Along with the Local President, the Local Secretary, Ed Donald will serve his second term on the State Executive Committee.

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McCarthy Appointed VFW Service Officer

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Mr. McCarthy will be in the Springfield Veteran's Administration office on Tuesdays of each week. It is suggested that anyone planning to see him call first for an appointment. Dial 781-2420 and ask to be connected

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Editorials



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I refer you to the July 3rd article by Edna Condino which informs us of the introduction of the Glasser Method to the Agawam schools.

I called three of our school committee members to learn more about the Glasser method but found their information was limited so I called Supt. Cannava.

This is a risky thing to do if there is a chance the caller may see fit to disagree with the superintendent. Why is it that bureaucrats are so quickly offended if you question them and too often answer your questions rudely? In this case I was urged to keep an open mind (I guess this was his way of saying I am close-minded). He is going to send me one of Dr. Glasser's books and so I look forward to having my mind made open.

Apparently, the newspaper article by Edna Condino is not accurate so more information will be needed before my position on this program is firm.

My investigation to date tells me that the Glasser method is just one more program of permissiveness. The promise of a tolerance day to a student that misbehaves will serve to reward the one that interrupts the classroom. The proposed communication (in a circle) is a sadly effective way to destroy the authority image that a teacher must have to be effective.

I am less than comforted by Dr. Cannava's assurances of the "excellence" of the Agawam school system and hope that our School Committee members eliminate further psychological experimentation.

It is further suggested that the Committee make a strong commitment to substantially reduce the budget in the coming year. There would be two very worthwhile benefits... we taxpayers would gratefully appreciate it and it would enable our school system to reduce staff and eliminate programs and services not essential to good education.

Sincerely,
Art Leary

To the Editor:

In response to your "Open Letter to the Agawam Town Council" on Robinson State Park, I must agree that the deplorable conditions at the Park must be dealt with.

However, I am very upset that you state that both

snowmobiles and motorcycles should be excluded from the park, and yet when you explain your reasons why, all but one deals with motorcycles and not snowmobiles. I have to agree that there are always a few who probably do clown around on snowmobiles, but should all of us, who consider this a family sport, pay for a few? Our family rides usually include three or four families, who ride to Robinson on a Sunday afternoon, have a cookout, and ride home. I have yet to see any problems with cross-country skiers, in fact we know some and they are glad to have the snowmobile trails to ski in as the snow is packed there.

Maybe, better patrolling of the park instead of banning would be the answer. I know that in the winter the Registry of Motor Vehicles has their officers in the park all of the time, what about in the summer?

I think that you owe snowmobilers an apology as you have no sound reason for wanting them banned, and have made it look like they do damage when in fact they don't.

Very truly yours,
(Mrs.) Carol A. Barnes

To the Editor:

We would like to thank all concerned last week, the coaches and players of Agawam Athletic Association, for the way they received, and entertained the English boys from the 'Nava' Football Club of Manchester England.

They played at the Agawam High School, everybody who attended got a soccer feast, The Agawam boys conducted themselves very well, after the game they all got together over refreshments, and I am sure that the English boys will take back fond memories of our town of Agawam home with them.

Thanks again,
Kenneth W. Roberts,
Harold Ellis

Town Clerk Edward Caba

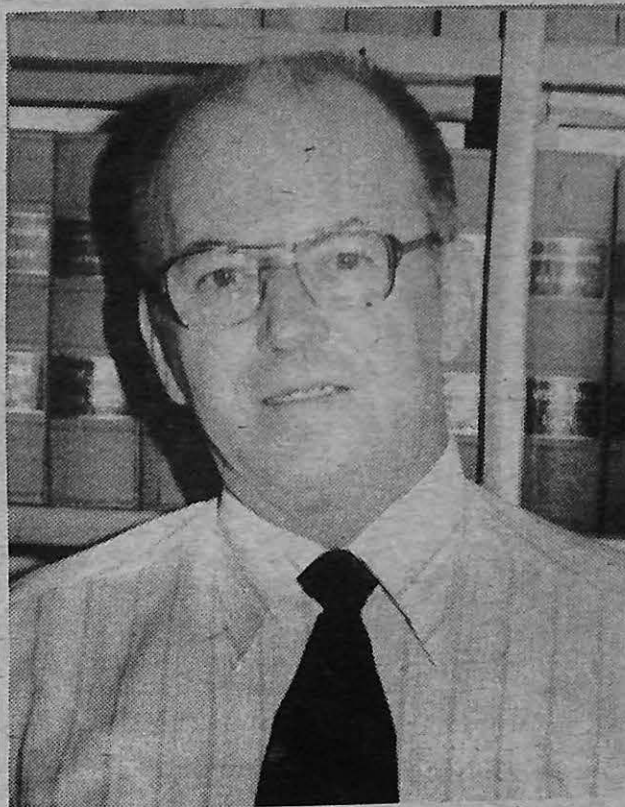


Photo by Jack Devine

Edward Caba has been Agawam's Town Clerk since 1966. A native of Westfield, Caba states that Agawam is "a hell of a nice town", noting that he would "match it to any place in the Commonwealth" for services received for tax dollars paid.

Always active in civic affairs before his election in 1966, Caba is a former employee of the Strathmore Paper Company.

Caba expressed the wish that the people in Agawam pull together to help bring Agawam up to its fullest potential. He noted that too many factions in Agawam seem to always be at odds, hurting Agawam rather than helping her.

The Town Clerk's role is one of records keeper. Caba

and his three employees are responsible for all elections and voter registrations, vital statistics, town records, and the issuing of licenses.

Along with his duties as Clerk, Caba has also been appointed Town Council Clerk by that body. As such, Caba keeps a record of the proceedings at all Council meetings, records the role call, and the Council votes.

Mr. Caba was acting Town Manager during the interim between the former Manager's resignation, and the present Manager's appointment.

Caba and his wife Marge live on Walnut Street in Agawam. They have two daughters, a son, and two grandchildren.

Town Hall Bulletin Board

Board of Health

The Agawam Board of Health will meet on July 20, 1978 at 7:45 p.m. in Health Department office, Town Hall.

Planning Board To Meet

The Agawam Planning Board will meet on Thursday, July 20, 1978, at 8:00 P.M., in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

Industrial Commission To Meet

There will be a meeting of the Industrial Development Commission on Thursday, July 20, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the hearing room at the Town Hall, Main Street.

Agenda
Industrial Brochure—Photos
Town Industrial Park Map
Acceptance of Industrial Lane
Massachusetts Advocate
Publication
Old/New Business

The family of Mary Ann Craig wishes to express their deepest thanks to all of the friends and neighbors who were so generous and unfailing in their kindness and support this past week.

From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



We are rallying forces for the first Council meeting in August—August 7. I urge all people with anything to say regarding the issue of Robinson State Park to be present. There is definitely strength in numbers—our town council must respond to the wishes of the town's residents. Agawam has been plagued by apathy long enough—now is the time to get involved before someone gets seriously hurt—or worse.

HELP WANTED: We are presently looking for more sports reporters. We would like volunteers from the Agawam Hockey Association, the Agawam Athletic Association, and all of the high school and junior high sports teams. The person from each group would be responsible for reporting on his/her particular team throughout the season. This, we feel, will allow us to give more complete, continuous coverage of all sporting events which are taking place in town. Presently, it is physically impossible for our staff writers to adequately cover all sports. So how about it? An avid fan or team member or rep would be an ideal candidate. You don't have to be a Hemingway—just give us the facts, we'll do the rest. Anyone interested should call me at 786-7747 between 9-5, Monday thru Friday.

State Budgets \$1,006,522 In Local Aid For Agawam

The fiscal 1979 state budget signed by Governor Michael Dukakis Monday includes \$1,006,522 in increased local aid and property tax relief for Agawam.

Statewide, approximately \$300 million in new local aid will go back to cities and towns.

"Thanks to the continued strength of our economy, and because of the steps we have taken to control state spending over the past three years, we now have a substantial surplus to use for property tax relief," the Governor said. "The new local aid program should mean significant property tax relief in all our communities and in some, property tax cuts."

Included in the new local aid and property tax relief program are:

—A \$150 million increase in school aid, to be distributed under a new formula aimed at equalizing educational opportunity and

reducing reliance on the property tax for local educational funding.

—An \$80 million increase to finance the state takeover of the county court system, an expense now carried by local property taxpayers;

—\$30 million increase in aid distributed to local communities under the state's lottery formula;

—\$10 million to reimburse cities and towns for the cost of increased property tax abatements for the elderly; and

—\$10 million for special education costs.

Governor Dukakis noted that other vital programs were funded in the budget as well, including \$8.5 million for improved child abuse services, a \$6 million increase for elderly home care, \$20 million for new and expanded community mental health and retardation services, and \$50 million to fund the state's future pension obligations.

Court Reform Bill To Benefit Consumer

After much discussion of what the Court Reform Bill will do for judicial personnel, the focus is now on benefits the consumer will gain from this legislation. Senator Alan D. Sisitsky of Springfield, who has worked on drafting and passage of the bill for twenty months, said recently that the bill will greatly benefit the consumer and Massachusetts citizenry at large through vastly improved access to the court system.

According to Senator Sisitsky, expanding the jurisdiction of statewide district courts will allow the public to bring many more cases into the locally based district courts and cut down waiting time for trial by as much as one to two year's time. Small claims cases currently limited to \$400 will be increased to \$750 to afford many more persons the benefit of the small claims procedure. Citizens may now also bring actions for money damages up to \$7500 in the District Court, rather than up to \$4000, the current statutory limit.

Victims of consumer fraud who file suit under the "Consumer Protection Act" may now also be heard in the District Court. Presently,

such cases are only heard in the county based Superior Courts; zoning appeals may also be brought in the District Courts.

Clerks of the courts will facilitate this expansion in their new capacity as magistrates and will be able to dispose of minor motor vehicle offenses and petitions on dog nuisances, through hearings. Motor vehicle offenses with penalties up to \$100 have been decriminalized and offenders no longer will be required to appear before a judge for failure to obey a red light.

One of the additional major reforms, Senator Sisitsky said, which will provide the public with a check on the judicial system is the creation of a new judicial conduct commission. Under the bill, the commission is empowered to investigate complaints of judicial misconduct and to make recommendations to the appropriate authorities. Although the committee on judicial responsibility oversees judicial conduct, the committee does not have statutory authority of enforcement similar to that established for the new commission.

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Hollow Pine Shopping Center.

Adults! Are you interested in the Youth Center? We have three openings on the Agawam Youth Commission board - for any interested Agawam adult who would like a hand in serving the younger generation of this town by guiding the programs and opportunities available at the Center. All we ask is your enthusiasm and ideas. Anyone interested is welcome to our 8 pm meetings (every other Monday) on July 24, August 7 and 21, etc. Or call the

Center, Pat (786-7474), or Connie (786-4605) for information.

Remember, please, that the full-time Recycling Program at the Youth Center subsidizes activity costs, and ensures the participation of those who might otherwise be unable to attend. So stack those throw-away newspapers, magazines, mailings and shopping bags! Phone and give the Center your address. Summer pick-up is 10:00 - 4:00 on Mondays. Thanks to all for your support!

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- 7/17: Chicken legs, french fries, zucchini, cherries
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- 7/19: Scandinavian dinner.
- 7/20: Pepper steak, rice, green beans, lemon cobbler
- 7/21: Tuna salad, roles, mixed vegetables, ice cream
- 7/24: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, spinach, peaches
- 7/25: Potato leak soup/wieners, rolls, cherry pie
- 6/26: Ham w/pineapple sauce, potato puffs, fresh fruit.
- 7/27: Braised beef ribs, noodles, broccoli, cookies
- 7/28: Baked fish, shredded potatoes, lettuce, Jello

We would like to thank Mr. Darcey and his band for the wonderful concert he gave us on Tuesday, July 11 in the evening. Who needs Tanglewood, if we can stay home and have the local talent?

The next hypertension clinic will be July 18, for all seniors A-Z.

Fair Share Picnic Planned

Western Mass. Fair Share is having a PICNIC JAM-BOREE on Saturday, July 22, from 1:00 till dark. BBQ Chicken Lunch, Games, Entertainment, Square Dancing, Raffle Drawing, and much more, all for only \$3.00; Burger lunch for kids, just \$1.50. Lunch served at 2:00; more food and refreshments throughout the day. At Ludlow Fish and Game

Town Beautification Committee

The Agawam Town Beautification Committee has completed the planting of red and white petunias throughout the town.

Plans are now being made for the annual Award Night to be held in September.

All summer the Committee is busy observing the various businesses in the community on how they maintain and improve their properties.

Certificates of Appreciation, on behalf of the Town, are presented to the businesses that the committee feels have shown the greatest or best improvements in town.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on July 24, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. at the

W.S. Arts & Crafts Festival Slated

West Springfield will hold its 7th annual Arts Festival on the Town Common, August 5, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and August 6, noon to 6:00 P.M. with rain dates August 12 and 13. As in the past the show will feature 300 top artists and craftsmen from the North Eastern part of the United States. The Art Festival is open to the public without charge and artists who wish to participate can write or call the West Springfield Park and Recreation Department for an application.

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Heritage Hall tromped to victory over the Jay-C-Ettes in a best two out of three series, July 10th through 13th with magnificent playing by both teams. Heritage Hall won the first game 10-9, coming back in Tuesday's game from a four run deficit tallied before Monday's game was called in the

bottom of the second inning because of rain. Wednesday, the Jay-C-Ettes recouped their forces when Andrea Tebaldi, who missed the first game because of illness, returned to her pitching position and rallied her team to a 10-9 victory, despite a brilliant effort led by the hitting of Colleen Lappie for

Heritage Hall.

The third game was a rare treat for any sports enthusiast. The Jay-C-Ettes took the lead in the first inning with a score of 6 to 3. Heritage Hall rallied in the second inning scoring three runs and allowing the Jay-C-Ettes to score only one run. The third inning battle went scoreless for both sides. In the top of the fourth the Jay-C-Ettes scored a big six runs, handing a bleak outlook to Heritage Hall of having much chance to bound back and win the series. The Heritage Hall players, who have been gutsy all season long would not be denied. Katie Slamon led off at bat with a smashing single, followed by another single by Toni Kortabani. Then, the best first baseman in the league Jeanette Norman, doubled, driving home the previous two batters. Shawn Lappie, one of the finest pitchers this side of the Mississippi, with a batting average over .900 all season long grounded out to second, driving home one more run. Diane Ruby the right fielder and a consistently spectacular batter, ground out with a smashing drive down the first base line. Michele Conlin doubled causing pandemonium to players and spectators alike. The catcher, Michelle Blanchard, with a heart like a lion and an equal amount of muscle, doubled, driving in still another run. Susan Bonesteel, notorious for her great ability at third base, singled, driving home another run. Pam Beele, who along with Katie Slamon had a smashing success all night at bat with four big hits, hit a hard drive to center field, but because of good defensive tactics by the Jay-C-Ettes, she was held to a single. The inning wrapped up with Heritage Hall tabulating five runs. The score tolled 13-11 Jay-C-Ettes favor!

Heritage Hall scored three more runs in the bottom of the 5th, holding the Jay-C-Ettes to naught. The sixth inning was a cliff hanger with the Jay-C-Ettes scoring three runs, thereby taking the lead by two. In the bottom of the sixth, Heritage Hall's Pam Beele led off with a single followed by a single by Katie Slamon. Left fielder Toni Kortabani singled, driving home one run. Katie Slamon was called out a



Members of the Sacred Heart A's are from left to right first row: Tom Albano, Bob Lavalley, Angelo Mazza, and Paul Bortolussi. Second row, same order: Mike Paul, Al Fenney, Bill Brock, Mike Desmaris, and Gary Rescigno. Third row, same order: Steve Berard, Dave Riher, Clark Dore, Ralph Albano, and coach Al Fenney. Photo by Jack Devine

A's Capture 13-15 Pennant

by Steve Bernard

The Sacred Heart Athletics finished off their regular season with a 7-1 victory over the Giants. With this tenth win against two losses the A's clinched the 13-15 pennant. The A's are said to be the loudest team in the league, they are led by captains Ralph the mouth Albano and Clark Dore. But the team compiled their ten wins on good solid and fundamental baseball. They had fine pitching from Tommy Albano and Michael Paul with the top batting

spots going to the Albano brothers, Al Fenney, Clark Dore, Mike Paul and Bill Brock. Their fielding is also among the top in the league. The playoff game has the second place team, the royals, facing the surprising third place team, the Dodgers. It looked like the Pirates had third place locked but losted their last two games against the Dodgers and Yankees. The winner of this game will play a 3 game set with the pennant winning Athletics. So the A's will either meet

the Dodgers coached by John Bryant, the team that they twice this by identical scores of 6-5 and 6-5. The Royals on the other hand defeated the A's in their first meeting but losses in the second. The Royals coached by Ken Peck finished the regular season at 9-3 closely behind the big green team. The first championship game will be held at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, July 18th. It should be a close series whoever takes the game between the Royals and Dodgers.

Touching All Bases

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Recently, the State of Massachusetts has proposed a bill that would bring horse or dog racing back to the state. Of course, some towns have rejected the offer to bring their town "extra income and fame" from the use of the horse or dog track. Earlier, promoters had tried unsuccessfully to locate racing in West Springfield, Agawam, Hadley, and Northampton.

A special report, prepared by the Governor's Select Committee on Racing, indicated that in order to reverse the decline of the industry, the legislature should increase the number of racing days and reduce the state's share of track revenue.

In Agawam, the proposed site for the track was adjacent to the Bowles Airport. A number of hearings were held, and the track was rejected.

If it was approved, these are some of the problems the residents and the Town of Agawam would be facing.

—Traffic problems. The only roads leading to the track are Garden and Silver Streets, not large enough to accommodate thousands of people to and from the track just about every day. The only solution to this problem would be to build a new highway—which would prove too costly to the Town of Agawam and the State of Massachusetts.

Another problem in the traffic category would be traffic tie-ups and jams, which could continue for hours with inadequate roads.

—Rise in crime. With people coming in from out-of-town, the crime rate may rise at an alarming rate. A larger police force would be needed, or most of the officers would be concentrated on the track site at race

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third base on the play. Jeanette Norman singled sending the tying run to third base. Shawn Lappie grounded out, driving home the tying run. With two outs, the score tied 16-16, the winning run on second base, steely, Diane Ruby came to bat. Diane took the first strike, then let go with a blast that was heard throughout Agawam, driving home Jeanette Norman, who was waiting on second base to be the winning run.

Special credit must be given to Donna Stone, who while substituting in the early innings, played superbly left field and gained first base every time at bat.

The Town of Agawam can be proud of the youngsters who reside here and owe a special vote of thanks to Gerry Mason and crew for all the support and worthwhile efforts to make town sporting events possible.

Thank you,
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The Agawam LIONETTES put it all together over the weekend July 6-9 and captured their biggest win ever. That win was the Mass. State ASA Senior Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Championship.

The double elimination tournament, hosted by West Springfield and played at Mittineague Park, fielded 10 teams. Those teams were: the defending state champion Chicopee Suburban Pacers, the Chelmsford Wungs last year's runners-up, the Westfield Jr. Whips, the twice previous state champion West Springfield Royalties, the Holyoke G.A.L.S., Springfield Park

Auto, the Westfield Wonders, Haverhill, East Longmeadow and the LIONETTES.

By virtue of this win, it was announced that the New England ASA Regional Council of Commissioners have authorized the LIONETTES to represent N.E. Region in the upcoming National Championship at San Antonio, Texas, to be played August 12-14.

There was no luck in the drawing—the LIONETTES were paired against the Westfield Jr. Whips in the tournament opener. The LIONETTES won that game and followed through with wins over East Longmeadow, the Westfield Wonders and the Chicopee Suburban Pacers to sweep the winners bracket.

During the Chicopee game, starting catcher Wendy Ober was stretched from the field. She chased a foul fly back and found an unfriendly upright in the backstop. She caught the ball—but also, a ride in the new West Springfield town ambulance.

With Ober joining starting pitcher Karen Tyburski on

the disabled list, there was a lot of apprehension in the air. But the LIONETTES have depth, like the Grand Canyon—when one soldier falls, another steps up.

Chelmsford was the losers bracket finalist and their pitching duo was the fastest of any. Chelmsford took an early lead and displayed a dazzling pitching performance that stopped the LIONETTES cold. Quickly realizing the inevitable loss, the LIONETTES went into training. They continued the game testing various bat weights and worked on their timing and strategy for the upcoming backs-to-the-wall final.

Before the final, starting pitcher Pat Morisset found all the right words for a pep talk. They couldn't have been said better, or could they have come from a more poised and respected player. When the LIONETTES took the field, the spectators saw a proud and confident team.

Micki Korob, Katie Boyle and Barb Landers put together a series of hits and aggressive base-running to jump out front 2-0 in the first inning. Morisset's near perfect pitching and the sparkling LIONETTES defense held to the third when the LIONETTES and Chelmsford exchanged blows making it 3-2.

From that point on it was all Agawam, as the defense held the opponents scoreless for the remaining 4 innings. The LIONETTES struck

continued from page 8 time.

—Trash. The never-ending problem of trying to keep our town as clean as possible would be destroyed, as out-of-town people would probably dump garbage and trash en route and following the races.

The more and more that I

again in the 4th and 6th and didn't need the 7th as they captured the title with an impressive 5-2 win.

In the following awards ceremony, it was clearly evident that the many spectators approved the result. Players, coaches and fans of the competing teams remained on hand and provided a rousing ovation to the winners.

As this report goes to press, the LIONETTES are only 28 days into their season. In addition to being State Champs, they lead their league with 6 wins and 1 loss and have an overall record of 13 wins and 4 losses. They have 11 scheduled games to go, then the prestigious Nationals.

If they are able to raise the funds to go to San Antonio, they will automatically go into the national records as one of the 16 top teams in the U.S.

The LIONETTES are appealing publicly for help in raising the needed \$7000. The Agawam Lions Club, the team's uniform and equipment sponsor, has already kicked-off the fund raiser with a significant pledge. All identifiable contributors will be recorded and acknowledged.

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Meet Larry Bouchard

Photo by Jack Devine

An avid sports enthusiast, Larry Bouchard covers the action at Stafford Speedway and the Riverside Raceway for the Agawam Advertiser/News.

Larry, who has tried his hand at racing, enjoys the sport immensely. As a matter of fact, he will be participating in a media race at Stafford in August.

Hockey is another favorite of Larry's, and many of you

may recognize him from the Coliseum where he works during the Springfield Indians season. Larry also is a hockey coach for the Agawam Hockey Association.

A graduate of Agawam High School, Larry is employed at Buxton's. He is married to the former Hope Piccin of Agawam, and they have two children, Lori and Larry. The Bouchards live at 28 Rowley Street.



by Larry Bouchard



Polverari-Cook Win 500

On Saturday, July 8th, a sellout crowd saw West Springfield's Bob Polverari, and Rome, New York's Jerry Cook, take the main event of the annual Riverside 500.

Last year's winner, Geoff Bodine got off to a fast start, with Reggie Ruggerio and Polverari on his tail. At one point in the race, Bodine had a three lap lead on the first four cars.

Cook, who came out to

relieve Polverari, only ran twenty eight laps when he had to retire because of a lost oil plug. The parks track crew did a spectacular job in spreading speedy dry on the entire length of the track while the cars were still running under the yellow flag. Riverside has the best and fastest track crew in New England.

While Cook and Polverari were changing, so were Bodine and Bob Stefanik. Stefanik only completed six laps for his team because of a blown rear-end.

Reggie Ruggerio, who was running second, pulled in to let his partner Richie Evans take over only to have Evans blow the engine in the car he was driving—a car he had borrowed when he blew the engine in his own car during the warm-ups. Ruggerio went back on the track while Evans changed motors.

Bodine, who had been running strong all night started to blow smoke out of his Pinto and had to drop out on lap 454, giving Polverari the lead and his fourth "500" win. The win was the first for Polverari's partner, Jerry Cook.

The official order of finish was Polverari-Cook, Ruggerio-Evans, and Stan Gregor-Ron Wyckoff. Bodine-Stefanik had to settle for a seventh place finish. I would like to congratulate Bob Polverari and Jerry Cook on their win, and the Czarnecki brothers for their sixth Riverside 500 win as car owners.

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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba



Congomond is still producing some big browns. Emilio Santini of Feeding Hills seems to have the right combination for boating the lunkers. Wed. of last week he took a 4.5 lb., 21 1/4" with a 12" girth and a 3 1/2 lb. 19" with a 11 1/2" girth.

This past weekend a bass tournament was held at Congomond. The total catch for the two days was 129 bass. The largest was a 5.4 lb. Quite a few were in the 2 to 3 lbs class.

Word is out that the South Pond is quite polluted. We understand that state agencies are stepping in and are going to pin point the pollution. It seemed strange to me that the opposition to the lowering of the lakes was so strongly contested by Conn residents. Maybe lower water will show who the polluters are.

Doc Blanchard, dentist in West Springfield, claims that Goose Pond is still as unpredictable this year as in the past. He and his fishing partner limited out recently and returned two days later and did not get a hit. We have taken very nice fish in the height of the summer heat in the past seasons. Haven't been able to put on Goose this year. It is a challenge and one of these Saturdays we will hit it.

I have been asked many times why the salmon is covered with sores and disease that is fatal to the captured salmon that have been transported to the federal hatchery.

Hell! It isn't hard to figure out. Springfield has been dumping million of gallons of raw sewerage into the Conn. River since the first of the year, and maybe before that. The poor salmon has to swim through it on his migration to spawning grounds.

The question. Why don't you fish for the salmon that are making the run up the Conn? Who wants to catch a diseased fish that smells horrible, and who would want to eat one. The secret of a good salmon run is clean water.

The rivers in the Gaspé region of Quebec have produced a bumper crop of salmon this year. The Fishery has expanded since the fishing was stopped in the waters off Greenland. The rivers have been declared public. All that is required is a license that cost 25 dollars for non-residents. The Gaspé region is a beautiful area and a wonderful place to spend a vacation whether you fish or not. Rustic and modern camping facilities are available. You won't find them crowded during the vacation period.

Poachers Trapped
by Science

Another old poaching trick has been foiled by science. It seems that some of the deer taken during bow-only seasons have actually been shot with rifles. The clever poachers have been shooting deer with firearms, then placing an arrow in the bullet wound and claiming the animal as a bow-and-arrow kill. Fortunately, a chemical test has been developed that can detect lead levels in a wound. Recent court convictions have upheld the value of such tests.

3700 Signatures

Collected For Albano

The Committee to Elect Michael Albano State Senator today announced its organization has gathered over 3700 valid signatures to place its candidate on the September ballot. 300 signatures are needed to nominate a candidate for the State Senate. Albano, a Democrat, is running in the newly formed 2nd Hampden-Hampshire district.

In siting the effort by his

organization, Albano stated "the number of signatures gathered is an example of the fine organizations in Western Massachusetts. I am proud to be associated with those people who have donated their time and effort on my behalf."

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



July can be a month of steady sunshine, but not regular rain storms, which are needed to provide the moisture for the steady growth of everything in the flower bed. Always water deeply with sprinklers usually left not less than an hour in each place. Leave a slow-running hose at least 30 minutes beside small newly planted shrubs, an hour beside big ones, and longer for evergreens. You can measure the amount of water applied by sprinkler by setting a coffee can at the outer edge of the spray. Move the sprinkler when an inch of water has accumulated. If the soil at your house is on the hard, crusty side, sink a one pound coffee can, with at lot of holes punched in the bottom, into the ground beside shrubs and let the hose run slowly into the can. The water will reach the root system a lot easier. A good watering trick for roses is to sink a plastic or iron tube that is about one foot long and one to two inches around into the ground beside the bush and let the hose run into it for a while. If you have a problem with the running water washing soil away when you let the hose run beside a bush or tree, place an old cotton sock or nylon stocking over the end of the hose. The water runs through very well, but does not wash the soil away.

By this time of the summer, the flower garden is likely to be choked up with lush growth. . . just what you wanted, right? To keep that growth cooking along, you will need to cut back those sprawling annuals to

prevent their blooming themselves out; setting seed, which could end their blooming all together and interfering with your less rambling spring-flowering perennials. Cut back or thin out the more violent perennials also. One bit of advice about your lawn during this hot weather. . . mow by the weather, not the calendar. Through the very hot, dry weeks, you might better skip mowing, unless you have watered enough to keep the grass green and growing. If you MUST mow, change the level of the mower blades to a setting that leaves the grass longer than usual. This will help a lot.

House plants are enjoying the summer warmth and humidity, but will need special attention because of it. Remember that their root systems are confined, so check and water often, look for pests and fungus, and keep them clean. Prune the more vigorous ones now for a pleasing shape. They are going to respond to the shaping with lush, new growth. Light feedings are a must for most all house plants now.

A bit of advice on how to enjoy this summer heat. . . let up a little out in the garden, on the big jobs anyway. Don't force yourself or your husband-(girls)-to do to much in the garden. Remember that your gardens are for your pleasure, not an exercise in character development.

NEXT WEEK: a bit more on harvesting from the vegetable garden, what to do with your house plants when you go away on vacation. KEEP SMILING! JMC

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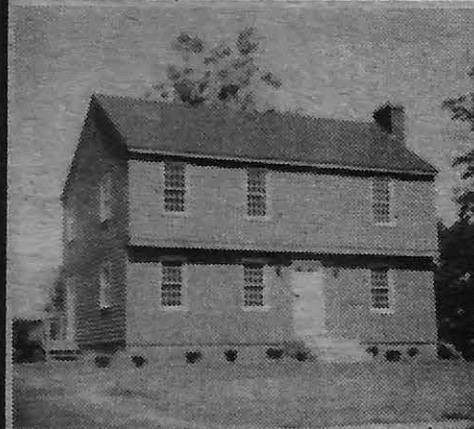
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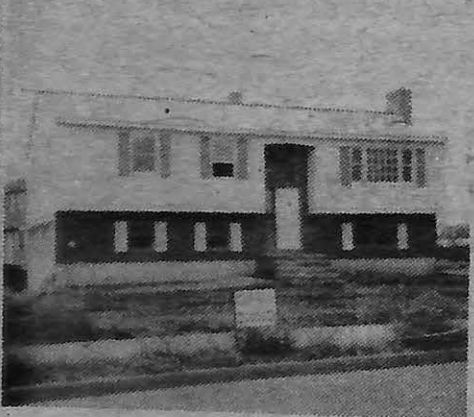
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